MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether any Judge of the High Court has inspected the Quilon court house after the representation referred to in answer to part (*a*).

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: That fact has not been intimated to Government. But the High Court have said that one of the judges would be inspecting the place.

Circular regarding the Travancore National and Quilon Bank Ltd.

218 * MR. M. G. MATTHEW (*Karunagapally* cum *Kartikapally*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether the Commissioner of Police has issued any circular to his subordinates regarding the Travancore National and Quilon Bank Ltd.;

(*b*) if so, what the circular is; and

(*c*) the circumstances which necessitated the issuing of the circular?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: (*a*) Yes, such a circular appears to have been issued by the late Commissioner of Police;

(*b*) "Among politicals the movements of T. M. Varghese, Pattom Thanu Pillai, C. Kesavan and C. P. Mathen of Quilon Bank must be closely watched and reports made from day to day. They should be shadowed not only within the State, but even outside.

2. From communications received from Madras and in view of the large amount of deposits withdrawn frm the National-Quilon Bank, the solvency of the institution has to be seriously suspected. The public should be warned against the danger involved in having pecuniary transactions with this Bank."

(*c*) Government were not aware of the issue of such a circular until it was brought to their notice by one of the Directors of the Bank referred to.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: With reference to answer to part (*a*) it is seen that the expression used is ".....such a circular *appears* to have been issued.....". Now may I know whether the Government are sure that a circular has been issued?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The Government now find that such a circular was issued by the late Commissioner of Police.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: When was the information about the circular known to Government?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: As I said, in answer to a similar question on the previous day, it was towards the beginning of May that the Government came to know about the matter.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: May I know how long after it was issued, the Government came to know of it?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: About 2 weeks after it was issued.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: By whom was the matter brought to the notice of Government?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: It is given in the printed answer.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: May I know which Director brought the matter to the notice of Government?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Mr. Anderson.

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MR. M. G. MATTHEW: Was any explanation called for on this matter from the Police Commissioner?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: This question was also asked the previous day and it was answered then that the Commissioner of Police was sent for, and was questioned about it.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: In answer to part (*b*) namely that the 'politicals' should be shadowed not only within the State but even outside, may I know whether shadowing is even now going on?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: That is a matter which cannot be disclosed.

MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE: Is it the view of Government that such shadowing will have to be extended hereafter to the other members as well?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The question relates to future action.

PRESIDENT: Therefore that question is not admissible.

MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE: Are the Government aware that the circular referred to has affected the credit of Travancore banks?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: No, Sir. This circular has not affected the credit of other banking concerns.

MR. MACKAR PILLAI (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): പോലീസുകാർക്ക് ജനങ്ങളുടെ ദേഹത്തേയും സ്വത്തിനേയും സംബന്ധിച്ച് സൂക്ഷിക്കേണ്ട ഉത്തരവാദിത്വം ഇല്ലേ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: നിശ്ചയമായിട്ടും ഉണ്ട്.

MR. M. K. MACKAR PILLAI: സർക്കുലർ അയച്ച എന്നു പറഞ്ഞതു പ്രൈവറായിട്ടാണോ പബ്ലിക്കായിട്ടാണോ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: സർക്കുലർ കാൺഫിഡൻഷ്യലായി ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറിലെ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർക്ക് അയച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതാണ്.

MR. M. K. MACKAR PILLAI: ആ സർക്കുലർ ജനങ്ങളുടെ രക്ഷക്കു വേണ്ടിയാണ് അയച്ചിട്ടുള്ളതെങ്കിൽ അതു പ്രൈവറായിട്ടാണോ അയക്കേണ്ടതു്.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: പോലീസ് കമ്മിഷണരുടെ അഭിപ്രായത്തിൽ അതു മതിയെന്നായിരുന്നു.

MR. M. L. JANARDANA PILLAI (*Nominated*): In view of what the Chief Secretary stated the previous day, namely that disloyalty and subversiveness of the State Congress was only against Government and not against any higher authority in Travancore, may I know whether there is any difference between disloyalty towards Government and disloyalty towards H. H. the Maharaja?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: There is no difference between disloyalty to Government and disloyalty to H. H. the Maharaja. Both mean practically the same thing. Disloyalty towards Government cannot differ from disloyalty towards H. H. the Maharaja.

MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE: Does that aspect of the question arise as a supplementary question?

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PRESIDENT: The Chief Secretary will proceed.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: I did not hear what the Chief Secretary said in answer to that question.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: So far as the Government of Travancore as at present constituted is concerned, disloyalty towards the Government of H. H. the Maharaja of Travancore cannot materially differ from the disloyalty towards H. H. the Maharaja.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: So, am I to understand from what the member stated the other day that disloyalty to Government was not and by no means disloyalty to H. H. the Maharaja? Was that aspect of the question considered?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: That aspect of the question had not been fully developed then and necessity did not arise then for saying all that I have now said.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: That is a very important matter and therefore I wish to know what the Chief Secretary means by saying "that aspect of the question"? I heard him say that.....

PRESIDENT: That is purely a question of law on which supplementary questions are really beside the point. Any question of information may be asked for but not any question relating to constitutional law.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: May I know what the Chief Secretary really meant when he said that disloyalty referred to was disloyalty to Government and not to any higher authority? What does he mean by the expression "higher authority"?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I have only answered the specific question raised by Mr. Janardana Pillai. In doing so, I explained the meaning of what I said last time on the matter.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: On the former occasion the Chief Secretary to Government stated that the disloyalty was to Government and not to any higher authorities and now he says that the disloyalty to Government is the same as that shown to H. H. the Maharaja. How am I to reconcile?

PRESIDENT: There is no higher authority in Travancore because the Government of Travancore is the Government of H. H. the Maharaja only. Therefore there is no higher authority. If at all there is any higher authority, it is Lord Sri Padmanabha only.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Then may I know whether the Chief Secretary to Government made a mistake in answering that question the other day?

MR. S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR (*Pathanapuram cum Shencotta*): May I point out whether a supplementary question can be asked on the answers given the previous day?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Sir, the other day I was speaking about the disloyalty shown by one particular body. Subsequently, I had to explain what I meant by that expression. I may say that I gave my

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own explanation on the point. Mr. Janardana Pillai to-day was asking me the question whether disloyalty to Government is different from disloyalty to H. H. the Maharaja. I answered that disloyalty to Government and disloyalty to H. H. the Maharaja cannot differ materially. There is no difference at all. This is all that I have to say and nothing more.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI: Now that the Chief Secretary to Government has stated that disloyalty to Government and disloyalty to H. H. the Maharaja are one and the same, I wish to know what the Chief Secretary to Government then meant by saying that the disloyalty referred to by him was disloyalty to the Government of Travancore and not to any higher authority? I wish to know what he meant by the expression "higher authority"?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I have already explained my meaning clearly and I have nothing more to add to this. Even if I do so, it will be only repeating what I have already said.

PRESIDENT: If the honourable member does not wish to answer it, he may say so.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: That has already been answered, Sir.

MR. T. M. VARUGHESE (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether the Government are aware of the fact that two of the persons referred to as 'politicals' in the circular are members of this House?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes.

MR. T. M. VARUGHESE: May I know whether the activities of those members in the House are also subjected to watching and shadowing?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The attitude of the Government is clear from the answers given. So far as the conduct of the members of the House is concerned, there is no necessity for any police to watch them.

MR. T. M. VARUGHESE: With reference to the answer to part (*b*), second para, may I know now long the bank referred to therein conducted their normal course of business after the issue of the circular referred to?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: The information is to the effect that the bank found it impossible to carry on their normal functions long before the issue of the circular.

MR. T. M. VARUGHESE: May I know for how long the business of the bank was normally conducted after the issue of the circular referred to therein?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: That is matter for calculation. It was on the 24th or 25th of April that the circular was issued and the bank suspended their business about the 20th of June.

MR. T. M. VARUGHESE: May I know whether, it cannot possibly be, that the issue of the circular referred to contributed, in however small a measure, to the decline of the bank?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: I do not believe that the circular had anything to do with the subsequent fate of the bank.

MR. T. M. VARUGHESE: What I wish to know is whether the publication of this circular about two months before the date on which the bank had to suspend its business did not contribute in any measure, however small, to the final decline of the bank?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: In my opinion, the issue of the circular referred to had nothing to do with that.

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MR. S. KRISHNA AIYAR (*Nominated*) : Sir, may I draw the member's attention to the question of the publication of a circular referred to? It assumes a fact and I may point out that it is a fallacy of many questions. That being so, may I know whether such a question is admissible?

MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE : Then, may I know what according to the member.....

PRESIDENT : Order, order. These questions are really trenching upon matters which are *sub judice*. The reasons for the suspension of the business of the bank, when it became unable to pay its debts, at what time the defaults were made by the bank-these are questions which are fundamental when dealing with the question of winding up. The honourable members may know that one petition with regard to winding up comes up before the Madras High Court to-morrow, and another petition for winding up comes before the Quilon court on the 4th August. That is the very question that has to be decided by both those courts.

MR. E. JOHN PHILIPOSE : Then, may I know whether the Chief Secretary can give an assurance of cordial support to the surviving banks in Travancore?

MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*) : On a point of order. Is it not an insinuation, Sir?

PRESIDENT : In any case, it is a request not for information but for announcement of future policy, which is not within the scope of questions and answers.

MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*) : ഷാഡോ ചെയ്യുന്നതിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം എന്താണെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : അതിന്റെ ഉദ്ദേശം എന്താണെന്നു ഇപ്പോൾ പറയണമെന്നു വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല.

MR. P. K. KUNJU : ഇവരെ ഇങ്ങനെ ഷാഡോ ചെയ്യുന്നതു ആർക്കു വേണ്ടിയാണെന്നു പറയാൻ കഴിയുമോ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : പോലീസ് കമ്മീഷണരുടെ നടപടികളെല്ലാം ഗവണ്മെന്റിന്റേയും പബ്ലിക്കിന്റേയും താൽപ്പര്യങ്ങളെ പരിരക്ഷിക്കാനാണു.

MR. P. K. KUNJU : ഇങ്ങനെയുള്ള ഷാഡോവിങ്ങ് നിമിത്തം എത്രമാത്രം സേഫ് ഗാർഡ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നു പറയാമോ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : അങ്ങനെ ഒരു കണക്കു പറയാൻ നിവർത്തിയില്ല.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW : In view of the answers furnished in general and in particular to para 2 of the answers where it is said that the public should be warned against the danger.....now, may I know whether it is the opinion of Government that it is in the interests of the people that shadowing takes place?

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MR. C. O. MAHAVAN: No. Sir, and I never said so.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: My question is that after calling for the explanation, did Government think that shadowing was necessary?

PRESIDENT: The Chief Secretary did not say so. He stated that he declined to answer.

MR. M. G. MATTHEW: Then, may I know with reference to that, was the explanation called for from the Police Commissioner?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: No. It was only with regard to the portion of the circular relating to the bank that he was questioned.

MR. P. K. KUNJU : തിരുവിതാംകൂറിനു വെളിയിലും ഷാഡോ ചെയ്യുന്നതു പബ്ളിക്കഇൻറെസ്റ്റിനു വേണ്ടിയാണോ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : അതേ.

MR. P. K. KUNJU അതിനെന്തുമാത്രം പണം ചിലവായിട്ടുണ്ട്.

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : അതിപ്പോൾ പറയാൻ നിവർത്തിയില്ല.

MR. P. K. KUNJU : അതു രഹസ്യമായതുകൊണ്ടാണോ അതല്ല പണത്തിന്റെ ചിലവു കണക്കുകൂട്ടാൻ നിവർത്തിയില്ലാത്തതുകൊണ്ടാണോ എന്തു കാരണത്താലാണ് ഇതു പറയാൻ നിവർത്തിയില്ലാതെവന്നതു?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN : അതു പരസ്യപ്പെടുത്തണമെന്നു ഗവണ്മെൻറു വിചാരിക്കുന്നില്ല.

MR. V. K. VELAYUDHAN (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): May I know whether the subordinate officers gave any warning to the public in pursuance of this Circular?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Government are not in possession of the information as to what action the subordinate officers took in the matter.

Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 200.**

Statement showing the number of conciliation applications filed before each Board, the number disposed of by each and the number in which conciliation has been effected, till the beginning of Mithunam 1113.

Name of Board.	Number of applications filed.	Number disposed of.	Number of agreements executed.
Kotttayam ...	172	147	8
Nagercoil ...	475	324	12
Trivandrum ...	216	150	7
Quilon ...	402	287	92
Tiruvella ...	587	350	33
Alleppey ...	335	232	20
Kottayam I (dissolved) ...	135	64	7
Palai ...	299	96	4
Alwaye ...	151	93	3

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